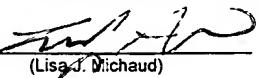




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Docket No.: 101896-0283
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Sean P. Selover et al.

Application No.: 10/711,704

Filed: September 30, 2004

For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR MINIMALLY
INVASIVE SPINAL FIXATION ELEMENT
PLACEMENT

Confirmation No.: 5703

Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

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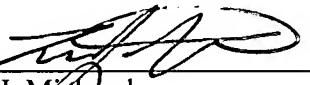
In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application – Filing Date Granted mailed November 15, 2004, Part 2 – copy enclosed, Applicant respectfully submits a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney and the Filing Fee for the Application (as shown on accompanying Fee Transmittal).

Our check in the amount of \$1,530.00 covering the fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.16 is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 141449, under Order No. 101896-0283.

Date: January 11, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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*Filing Date Granted***Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 790 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of **\$160** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$1080** for a Large Entity

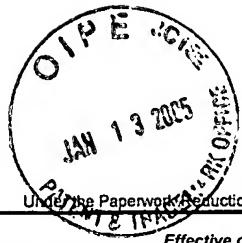
- **\$790** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$160**
 - **\$88** for **1** independent claims over 3.
 - **\$72** for **4** total claims over 20.

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Effective on 12/08/2004.
Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 1,530.00) **Attorney Docket No.** 101896-0283

Complete if Known

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First Named Inventor	Sean P. Selover
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

Charge fee(s) indicated below Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	1,000.00
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)	Small Entity
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50 25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims
24	- 20 = 4	x 50.00	= 200.00	
Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	
4	- 3 = 1	x 200.00	= 200.00	

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1051 Surcharge-Late filing fee 130.00

SUBMITTED BY

Signature		Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	44,238	Telephone	(617) 439-2000
Name (Print/Type)	Lisa J. Michaud			Date	January 11, 2005

Fee Transmittal

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